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Designating November 4, 1988, as "National Teacher Appreciation Day".

Whereas education of the Nation's youth is the foundation of the Nation's future;

Whereas education is a lifelong process which is beneficial to the individual and thus beneficial to the entire Nation;

Whereas teachers deserve credit for their invaluable role in providing education;

Whereas teaching not only involves traditional areas of education, but today also includes vocational education, continuing education, and education for special needs;

Whereas teachers contribute not only to the academic growth of students, but also to their ethical, social, and emotional development;

Whereas Sharon Christa McAuliffe, a high school history teacher, exemplified the attributes of the Nation's teachers and made a unique contribution to the teaching profession through her participation in the space shuttle program which, tragically, resulted in her death;

Whereas a student's respect for his or her teacher is essential to the student's ability to learn; and

Whereas the contributions of teachers should be celebrated often in order to honor the role of teachers in society and to affirm and foster respect for teachers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 4, 1988, is designated as "National Teacher Appreciation Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved November 5, 1988.

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